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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AT PRESS BRIEFING AUG 26 GOC
SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE AT AUG 24
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JOINT MEETING OF NATIONAL AND MINISTERIAL COUNCILS THAT
SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE ASKED TO IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS
ON CYPRUS. HOWEVER, SPOKESMAN SAID, TIMING OF RECOURSE TO
SC HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED; THIS DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN
ON THE BASIS OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S DISCUSSIONS WITH
SC MEMBERS IN NEW YORK AT END OF SEPTEMBER. IN SIMILAR
VEIN, PRESIDENT IS QUOTED IN UNDATED INTERVIEW WITH

ATHENS PROINI ELEFROTYPPIA, TEXT OF WHICH WAS RELEASED BY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE HERE AUG 27, AS SAYING, "AT SOME STAGE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING UN RESOLUTIONS. THE TIMING OF THE RECOURSE WILL BASICALLY DEPEND ON THE CONSULTATIONS WE SHALL HAVE IN THE MEANTIME WITH THE PERMANENT AND NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT. PRESIDENT'S AND SPOKESMAN'S LOW-KEYED COMMENTS ON RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL ARE IN MARKED CONTRAST TO ASSERTIVE TONE KYPRIANOU WAS USING ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE HIS TRIP TO GREECE. AT THAT TIME, HE WAS MUCH MORE EMPHATIC THAT GOC WOULD GO TO SC AND WAS STRONGLY SUGGESTING THAT CHAPTER 7 SANCTIONS AGAINST TURKEY WOULD BE CALLED FOR. KYPRIANOU'S MORE SUBDUED APPROACH APPEARS TO CORROBORATE SPECULATION (PARA 5, REF. B) THAT HE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH GOG TO SOFT-PEDAL SC ISSUE, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. END COMMENT. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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